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For : INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, INFORMATION
RECORDING / REPRODUCING METHOD, AND INFORMATION
RECORDING / REPRODUCING DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, the
Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,594,550 to JURI et al., entitled "Digital Signal Recording Apparatus
For Recording Digital Data Comprising A Plurality Of Recording Blocks", which issued on
January 14, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,701,386 to YONEYAMA, entitled "Recording and Reproducing
Apparatus and Method for Compressed Video Signal", which issued on December 23, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,655,050 to YAMAMOTO et al., entitled "Apparatus and Method
for Recording and Reproducing Digital Signal in Synchronization Blocks", which issued on

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August 5, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,732,066 to MORIYA et al., entitled "Optical Record Carrier and Method for Recording and Reproducing Signals Therefrom", which issued on March 24, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,940,853 to OOI et al., entitled "Recording and Reproducing Apparatus Enabling Modification of Data Recorded on a Non-Erasable Recording Medium", which issued on August 17, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,978,958 to TANAKA et al., entitled "Data Transmission System, Data Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Recording Medium Each Having Data Structure of Error Correcting Code", which issued on November 2, 1999; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,867,475 to MORIYA et al., entitled "Optical Record Carrier and Method for Recording and Reproducing Signals Therefrom", which issued on February 2, 1999.

The Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the documents that were cited in an international search report issued by the Japanese Patent Office on January 18, 2000 with regard to the PCT counterpart of the present application. An English-language version of the search report and English language abstracts for the foreign patents cited have been provided to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance. The international search report shows that all of the references have been considered as "A" category

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documents as to claims 1-13 of the PCT application. The "A" category designates documents defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance. The following is the list of documents cited in the International Search Report:

U.S. Patent No. 5,210,734 to SAKURAI entitled "Information Management Method For Appendage Type Additional Information Recording Medium", which issued on May 11, 1993. The full text and Figs. 1-6 were considered to be relevant passages;

European Patent No. 0 507 397 A2 to N.V. Philips' Gloeilampenfabrieken, published on October 7, 1992. The full text and Figs. 1-27 were considered to be relevant passages;

Japanese Patent No. JP 2-132516 to Matsushita Electric Ind. Co., Ltd., published May 22, 1990, together with an English language abstract of the same. Page 3, lower right column, line 7 to page 4, upper right column, line 9 and Figs. 2-4 were considered to be relevant passages; and

Japanese Patent No. JP 2-090340 to Aiwa Co., Ltd., published March 29, 1990, together with an English language abstract of the same. The Abstract and Fig. 1 were considered to be relevant passages.

The Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending and commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/830,553, filed on May 4, 2001; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/581,222, filed on June 23, 2000.

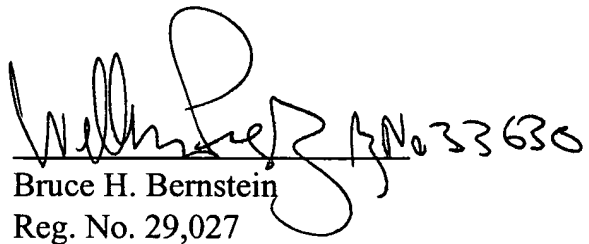
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Copies of the specification, claims, and drawings of the above-mentioned co-pending applications are attached hereto. The Examiner is, none-the-less, encouraged to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If for any reason the Examiner cannot locate any of the applications, the Applicant will provide any requested materials, if possible.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all of the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted patents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

1	English Language Abstract of JP 2-132516.
2	English Language Abstract of JP 2-90340.

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